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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

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Banks.

THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL, £2,000,000. PAID-UP, £500,000.

REGISTERED OFFICE, 40, THE MARK LANE, LONDON.

BRANCHES: In India, China, Japan and the Colonies.

THE Bank receives Money on Deposit, buys and sells Bills of Exchange, issues Letters of Credit, forwards Bills for Collection, and transacts Banking and Agency Business generally on terms to be had on application.

CLAIMS ON THE ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION PURCHASED ON ADVANTAGEOUS TERMS.

H. A. HERBERT, Manager, Hongkong Branch.

HONGKONG, July 4, 1885. 1193

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAY-UP CAPITAL, £1,000,000. RESERVE FUND, £250,000. INCOME, £500,000. DIVIDEND, 5%.

RESERVE LIABILITY OF FIDELITY, £1,000,000.

COURT OF DIRECTORS: Chairman—H. F. D. SASSON. Deputy Chairman—A. M. GORDON, Esq. C. D. BORTON, Esq. H. L. DARTMOUTH, Esq. W. H. FORBES, Esq.

MANAGER: THOMAS JACKSON, Esq.

SHANGHAI: E. W. CAMERON, Esq.

LONDON: BAYNES, London and County Bank.

HONGKONG: INTEREST ALLOWED. ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits: For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum. For 6 months, 4 per cent. per annum. For 12 months, 5 per cent. per annum.

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED. Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drifts granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager, Hongkong, August 24, 1885. 1449

NOTICE.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS' BANK.

1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 to 3; Saturdays, 10 to 1.

2.—Sums less than \$1, or more than \$250 at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$2,500 in any one year.

3.—Depositors in the Savings' Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may at their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per cent. per annum interest.

4.—Interest at the rate of 3 per cent. per annum will be allowed to depositors on their daily balances.

5.—Each depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Book but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.

6.—Correspondence as to the business of the Bank if marked "On Hongkong Savings' Bank Business" is forwarded free by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.

7.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

For the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, T. JACKSON, Chief Manager, Hongkong, May 1, 1885. 754

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned have been nominated by Special Appointment COMMISSIONERS AGENTS for the FOREIGN BUSINESS of His Excellency the Viceroy of CHINA.

RUSSELL & Co., Hongkong, August 11, 1885. 1876

Intimations.

GOVERNMENT BILLS.

TENDERS for SPECIE, Mexican Dollars current in this Colony, weighing 7.17, in exchange for BILLS, drawn on Demand, on the Government of India, Calcutta, will be RECEIVED by the DESPATCH PAYMASTER, Army Pay Department, until 12 Noon, on MONDAY, the 26th Instant.

The Tenders to state the Total Amount required (in Rupees), and the Amount for which each Bill should be drawn, but no Bill will be accepted for sums below Rs. 10,000.

The Tenders to be in duplicate, in Sealed Covers, addressed to 'The District Paymaster, Army Pay Department, and endorsed 'Tenders for Government Bills.'

The right to accept or reject any or all the Tenders is reserved.

ARTHUR GELSTON, Major, Staff Paymaster.

TREASURY CHEST OFFICE, Hongkong, 23rd October, 1885. 1852

THE NORTH-CHINA INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Third Ordinary General Meeting of the above Company will be held at the HEAD OFFICE, SHANGHAI, on MONDAY, the 26th Instant, at 2.30 p.m., for presentation of the Half-Yearly Report and Accounts to the 30th June last.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 20th to the 26th Instant, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Court of Directors, ALEX. ROSS, Secretary.

Shanghai, 9th October, 1885. 1704

TO CONTRACTORS.

SEALED TENDERS will be Received by the Undersigned, at or before 12 Noon, on MONDAY, the 26th October, for the CONSTRUCTION of Sections 2, 3, and 4 of the PEAK TRAMWAY, according to Plans and Specifications to be seen on application to J. F. BOURTON, C.E., here, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., from whom Copies of Specifications, Schedules of Quantities, and Forms of Tenders may be obtained.

Tenders should be addressed to the GENERAL MANAGERS, and marked 'Tender for Peak Tramway.'

The lowest or any Tender may not be accepted.

MADEWEN, FRICKEL & Co., General Managers.

VICTORIA EXCHANGE, Hongkong, October 13, 1885. 1786

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Fourth Ordinary General Meeting of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the OFFICES of the Undersigned, at 31st October Instant, on SATURDAY, the 31st October Instant.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 17th to the 31st Instant, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Agents, CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

Hongkong, October 10, 1885. 1769

MORDECAI SIMION GUBBY, Decedent.

PURSUANT to an Order of the Supreme Court of Hongkong made on the 24th day of July, 1885, Notice is hereby given that all Persons having CLAIMS against the Estate of the said MORDECAI SIMION GUBBY, formerly of Shanghai, in the Empire of China, but late of Boulogne sur Mer, in the Republic of France, (who died at Boulogne, aforesaid, on or about the 5th day of December, 1883, and whose WILL was on the 17th day of July, 1885, proved in the Supreme Court of Hongkong, in its Probate Jurisdiction, by the Honourable FREDERICK DAVID SASSON, of Victoria, aforesaid, Merchant, and duly constituted attorney of ARTHUR DAVID SASSON and ARTHUR MOSES GUBBY, the Executors named in the said WILL, are hereby required to send in writing Particulars of their Claims to us, the Undersigned, Solicitors for the said Executors, on or before the 24th DAY OF OCTOBER, 1885, after which time the Executors will proceed to distribute the Assets of the Decedent, among the Persons entitled thereto having regard only to the Claims of which they shall then have had Notice.

Dated this 24th day of July, 1885.

WOTTON & DRACON, Solicitors for the said Executors, 35, Queen's Road, Hongkong.

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THE HARMON HAND GRENADE CO. THE PATENTERS.

THE Undersigned, having just arrived, is prepared to fill all Orders for the above GRENADES. It is the Cheapest, Simplest, and Best Known FIRE EXTINGUISHER IN THE WORLD.

having been used in England and America, with the greatest success for the past year and having extinguished over 800 Actual Fires, thereby saving millions of dollars worth of property.

These GRENADES are sold at \$16.00 per case of one dozen each, and no GRENADES sold less than dozen Lots.

A.B.—The 'Star' Grenade Co. have no connection with any other Fire Grenade Companies.

Send all Orders to E. CLARK, Hongkong Hotel.

Hongkong, September 23, 1885. 1692

Business Notices.

Christmas & New Year Cards.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.'s NEW STOCK greatly surpasses that of any previous year. This Season's PARCEL includes some of the most artistic productions of England and America, and for beauty and delicacy of finish cannot be equalled.

Speciality.

A small Assortment of the above in very choice, and unique designs, specially painted to order.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Each Card will be enclosed in a suitable Envelope to protect it from damage in transit through the post. The above are now on view. An inspection is invited.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. 1858

Hongkong, October 24, 1885.

Victoria Hotel, Praya and Queen's Road Central, Hongkong.

THIS Extensive and well-appointed Establishment, situated in one of the most central and airy positions in the Colony and commanding a splendid view of almost the entire harbour and within five minutes' walk of the principal Government Offices (including the Post Office), Banks, &c., has recently been much enlarged and improved and is now one of the principal Hotels in the place.

The ROOMS are spacious, well ventilated and have just been re-furnished in a most comfortable and handsome manner, suited to the requirements of the Far East.

The Accommodation and Services of every kind will be found to be of the best description. An ample and varied TABLE D'HOTE is always provided and served in the spacious, large DINING HALL.

The HOTEL also contains handsome and comfortable Reception, Reading, Billiard and Smoking Rooms.

The HOTEL is unsurpassed for comfort, convenience and quick service. Continental languages are spoken.

Messrs. DORABJEE & HING KEE, Proprietors.

Hongkong, September 16, 1885. 1612

Robert Lang & Co., QUEEN'S ROAD (OPPOSITE HONGKONG HOTEL).

Scotch Tweed Suit, \$15.00.

While advertising our 'Specialties' we also wish to draw the attention of our Customers to our now complete Stock of TWEED SUITINGS, COATINGS, TROUSERS, SERGES, FLANNELS, &c. A large and choice selection of the newest FABRICS of English, Scotch and Continental Manufacture, from medium to the very finest qualities.

Over 100 patterns of Stylish Tweeds of Exceptionally Good value to select from.

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Intimations.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE Annual General Meeting of the MEMBERS of the above Club will be held at the OLYMPIA, at 4.30 p.m. on WEDNESDAY, the 29th Instant.

By Order, J. GRANT, For Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, October 13, 1885. 1783

NOTICE.

AN Extraordinary General Meeting of the VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB will be held on FRIDAY, the 30th Instant, at 5 p.m., in the GYMNASIUM, to consider certain Financial Matters connected with the forthcoming Regatta.

J. H. STEWART-LOCKHART, Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, October 22, 1885. 1847

WILLIAM DOLAN, SAIL-MAKER & REEF-CHANDLER, 22, PRAYA CENTRAL.

COTTON DUCKS, HEMP CANYAS, MANTUA ROPE, AMERICAN OAKUM, LIFE BUOYS, COOK JACKET, &c., &c., &c.

Hongkong, May 1, 1882. 226

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

ADJUSTMENT OF BONDS FOR THE YEAR 1884.

SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company are requested to send in to this Office a List of their Contributions of Premium for the year ending 31st December last, in order that the DISTRIBUTION of the PROFITS reserved for CONTRIBUTIONS may be arranged. Returns not rendered prior to the THIRTY-FIRST DAY OF OCTOBER next, will be adjusted by the Company, and no Claims or Alterations will be subsequently admitted.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers, Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, September 1, 1885. 1602

Intimations.

GOVERNMENT SHELTER.

TICKETS entitling DESTITUATES other than Chinese to 24 hours BOARD and LODGING in the above SHELTER can now be obtained at the TREASURY in Blocks of 20 each, Block single \$3. Two or more Tickets may be given when extended relief is thought desirable. The Men relieved will be allowed opportunities of seeking employment.

Charitable persons are earnestly requested to refrain from giving Money to DESTITUATES, and to avail themselves of the above or some other organized method of relief.

Hongkong, June 13, 1885. 978

NOTICE.

FOR the Convenience of Customers, the Productions of the 'CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED,' can henceforward be obtained by RETAIL, FOR CASH, at No. 3, PRAYA STREET, at the same prices as at the REFINERY; or Retail orders may be delivered at addresses in town on applications forwarding their Monthly Requirements in writing direct to the REFINERY at East Point.

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Entertainment.

THEATRE ROYAL.
CITY HALL.
Manager, NEIL O'BRIEN.
MASCOTTE OPERA COMPANY.
THIS EVENING,
SATURDAY, the 24th October.

GRAND NAVAL COMMANO NIGHT.

Under the Distinguished Patronage of
ADMIRAL SIR WM. M. DOWELL, K.C.B.

BY GENERAL REQUEST,
THE MASCOTTE OPERA COMPANY
will produce

GILBERT AND SULLIVAN'S
EVER-GREEN AND POPULAR

H.M.S. 'PINAFORE'
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Augmented Chorus, Appropriate Scenery,
Costly War-tube, and an exceptionally
Strong Cast of Characters.

Conductor, SIEGFRID VALENZA.

Box Plan now open at KIMLY & WALSH
(Limited).

Hongkong, October 24, 1885. 1840

Intimations.

CHAS. J. GAUFF & Co.,
Chromometer, Watch & Clock Makers,
Jewellers, Gold & Silversmiths.

NAUTICAL & SCIENTIFIC AND
METEOROLOGICAL
INSTRUMENTS.

VOYAGERS' CELEBRATED
BINOCULARS AND TELESCOPES.

REPAIRS OF ALL KINDS OF COMPASSES,
ADIRAL'S SOLAR TIME AND
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English SILVER & ELECTRO-PLATED WARE,
CHRISTIE & Co.'s ELECTRO-PLATED WARE,
GOLD & SILVER JEWELLERY,
in great variety.

DIA MONDS

DIAMOND JEWELLERY,
A Splendid Collection of the Latest LONDON
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HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK
COMPANY, LIMITED.

SHIPMASTERS AND ENGINEERS are
respectfully informed that, upon their
arrival in this Harbour, the Company's
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FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.

The Co.'s Steamship
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MORROW, the 25th instant, at Daylight.

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FOR SHANGHAI VIA AMOY.

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CHANG, TIENTSIN, HANKOW and
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Capt. JACKSON, will be
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SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

October 24, 1885.

At 10 a.m., from Hongkong, 14 Chinese,
Tientsin October 13, General—WILSON & Co.

Kut Sang, British steamer, from Wham-
poa.

China, German steamer, 1,093, Hays,
Wham October 18, General—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

Peking, British steamer, 954, G. Heur-
mann, Shanghai October 21, General—
SIEMSEN & Co.

At 11 a.m., from Hongkong, 1,033, R.
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ARRIVALS.

Per *Alta Route*, from Tientsin, 2 Chinese.

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SWORN FOES.

AN AUSTRALIAN EPISODE.

They were mortal enemies, and they met on Life-and-Death Ridge.

It was not once in twenty years that two travellers met there. Even the oldest settlers seldom cared to take the short cut across the mountains, though the other way was some twenty-five miles round.

The first man who crossed that narrow shelf of rock—with the Currier cliff rising straight as a wall four hundred feet above his head, and the Naumeya river foaming below, so far down that he could not see it, though he could have dropped a pebble into it by stretching out his hand—called it Life-and-Death Ridge, and the name had stuck.

They had hated each other for years—M'Arthur and Douglas. It began with some dispute about the boundary between their runs; hard words had been said on both sides, and followed by aggressions which each justified as retaliation. Each did what he could to injure the other, growing more persistent for very shame, and keeping up his hate as an excuse to himself for acts he might otherwise have acknowledged to be unjust and wrong.

They seldom met, never went out unaccompanied, for each of them thought—or affected to think—that his life was in danger from the other; indeed, it was said that once, when M'Arthur and one of his stockmen had followed a deer bullock onto Douglas's land, there had been a desperate quarrel, and shots were exchanged, though no one was hurt.

And today, in the sultry summer afternoon, with the sky now blue of steady blue, and the thunder haze beginning to creep up round the horizon, they met on Life-and-Death Ridge.

They were splendid fellows, both of them, and in the prime of their manhood—M'Arthur, a Sydney cornetist, six feet three in his stockings, dark, and slim, and wiry; Douglas, half-bred, short, broad in the shoulders, with a merry blue eye, and golden hair and beard.

M'Arthur was the older of the two by a few years, but neither was more than thirty-five.

M'Arthur had been away for some weeks at Brisbane, and was returning home. At the last day of his journey when he felt certain that it would not end without a storm, and when he came to the pass where the tracks divided the weather looked so threatening that he determined to take the short cut.

They both came on, and halted about six paces apart. It would have been impossible for either to turn back. Their standing ground was barely eighteen inches wide.

They sat, like two magnificent statues, looking at each other, their horses so immovable as themselves—each man's hand on his six-shooter and his eye on the other's hand, ready to shoot him down in a moment if he lifted a finger.

There was an awful stillness all around, unbroken by the hum of an insect or the rustle of a leaf. And out of the oncoming thunder-haze came, loud but distinct, the first voice of the storm—a faint growl, with a sharp snap at the end.

M'Arthur's eyes went up from Douglas's pistol-hand to his face, and then his glance went to Douglas's hand, which he saw was not on his six-shooter, but on his hip.

Neither wanted to be the first. In his wilder moments, M'Arthur would have been glad to fall over Life-and-Death Ridge himself, so that Douglas might fall under him, his hatred was not, on the whole, so intense as all that; and just now, when his wounding was successfully completed, and he hoped to bring his horse home to Warrigal Creek in a few months more, he was not so anxious to throw Douglas over into the Naumeya at the risk of falling in himself.

Yet something must be done; they could not stay there for ever. It was irritating, to say the least, to be kept balancing on a narrow ledge of rock, when you are impatient to be on your way, by the man you hate most in the world.

Again they glared fiercely at each other, and the red, murderous light leapt into both their eyes. And then, as if by one passed, it could only be by the other's death. And again it faded. It was not only consideration for themselves that held them back. I think there was something better—something unspoken and only half-realized, that they tried hard to discover.

But the horses were getting tired of standing still. Douglas's black mare halted under her head, and tried to look patiently up in her master's face. That moment the stillness was broken by another snap of thunder, and she started, and shivered, and nearly slipped, but kept her feet, and Douglas took his hand from his pistol to pat her on the neck. M'Arthur gave one look at the beautiful creature, and then he spoke.

"This has got to end one way or the other," he said.

"I suppose you don't expect me to push my horse over the ledge, do you?"

Douglas's blue eyes flashed. "Do you want me to throw overboard?"

M'Arthur broke out with an oath. "I'll have to do something," and drawing his revolver from his belt, slowly and deliberately took aim. But Douglas had let his right hand fall at his side, while his left held the bridle, and looked him steadily in the face without moving a muscle. M'Arthur twice steadied his hand to fire, but the man's features and eyes seemed to paralyze his arm, and he lowered the weapon. "I'm giving you a fair chance—why don't you take it?"

"I don't want to shoot you," said Douglas.

"A fair chance?" he tried to sneer, but only half succeeded.

"No. Let's have another way!"

M'Arthur was looking at the black mare, and did not answer. Her distress was becoming greater and greater, but she stood still, patient and loyal, only lifting and snatching eyes to Douglas as he caressed her glossy neck. There was one thing Angus M'Arthur said he never could stand, that look in a horse's eyes.

But he only shouted back, "Look sharp and get her over before the storm comes," and hurried on.

"I wonder how he did that?" said Douglas to himself. "I wish— But he did not say even to himself, what he wished, sighed, and then turned the sight into a whistle, and said—

"Look alive, Jessica, old girl!"

He reached M'Arthur's station, whither he was bound, before the storm came on, and stayed there all night. As he sat by M'Arthur's fire, listening to the thunder fall, crash, and watching the lightning gleam blue through the shingles of the closed shutters, he wondered whether Angus M'Arthur was still making his way through the scrub on foot and alone.

And other things made him restless all night. The sun shone out brightly next morning, he completed the business he had come on as quickly as possible, and, springing into the saddle, turned Jessica's head homewards. He took the long road this time. Even if he could have got Jessica over the pass, it would have taken a good deal to make him cross it a second time. He had to pass not very far from the Warrigal Creek shanty to reach his own home. It was about four in the afternoon before he reached the creek—he hesitated a little—then, instead of turning to the left and taking the track which led to his own ground, he crossed by the ford, and rode boldly up to the house.

It was several years since he had set foot there, and he felt queer about it. The place seemed strangely lonely. There was not a soul to be seen. Farther off, up the hillside, he could see the foundations of M'Arthur's new house marked off in the clearing—but no one was working there. But the place was deserted, or the very dogs were asleep.

He knocked at the door with the handle of his riding-whip. At first he only heard the echoes; then a hoarse baying arose from the stockyard, and after some further waiting and shouting, a sleepy stockman appeared round a corner. He said, in answer to inquiry, that M'Arthur had gone to Brisbane, and had not yet come back. They supposed he was coming soon, but did not know exactly when—expected him every day.

Douglas turned white to the very lips, and rested in his saddle.

"I saw him yesterday!" he gasped, hoarsely. "I thought he would have got home last night."

The stockman stared at him stupidly, and then, as a new light dawned on him, repeated slowly—

"You saw him—where?"

"On Life-and-Death Ridge—just before the storm."

The stockman stared again, and then went to call two other men—the only ones then on the station besides himself—a couple of Chinamen. They looked surprised at the statement of the newcomer, and seeing him. They knew of the relations between the two, and thought this visit must portend something unusual.

He told them his story as shortly as he could, adding that he believed M'Arthur had reached the other side of the pass, and that he had himself watched him across the most dangerous part.

The men looked at each other. He thought they were suspicious of him, but they said nothing to show it.

"He was out in that storm?" muttered one.

"He might have lost his way," said another. "There's a nasty bit of scrub when you get down the hill. You can see your way out of it on horseback, but not on foot."

"What was it you black body said about the bushranger?"

"The bushranger?" asked Douglas.

"Ay, him. Dinna ye mind it, George?"

"He said he saw him, over in the bush beyond Blue Grass Swamp. He had five men with him—at least so the nigger said, but you never know what a nigger says by his mouth. They can't count a man."

Again the men looked at each other. This time more gravely than before.

"Ye dinna ken, maybe," said Sandy to Douglas in a low voice, "that Joe's son has come to have M'Arthur yet; and he says, when he gets him, he'll not make his dyin' easy for him—them's his words."

Douglas felt himself turn sick again; but he shook all his faculties together and said, "Well, best lose no time. If we could ride to this side of the pass, and track him—"

"We've got no dogs that are any use," said one. "They're over with Dick Baines in Aeneas Gully."

"We'll take mine," said Douglas. "I've bloodhounds at the house. Which of you are coming? Get your guns and come with me at once, it will save time, and I think we shall find at least four there."

In a short time Sandy and George, armed to the teeth, were ready to ride off with him. They reached Dunallan in silence, and then there was hurried explanation, mounting, and starting, and soon the whole troop, seven in number, were on their way to Life-and-Death Ridge, leaving the rest of the station to shake their heads and discuss their bewilderment at seeing Robert Douglas ride out in frantic haste to the rescue of his worst enemy.

But they had no need to go as far as the ridge—indeed, they had been of little use, for the heavy rain had washed away all footprints, and every trace which even a dog could detect. M'Arthur had made his way through the storm for some time, and then taken refuge in a cave, where he passed the night. It was at this cave that the dogs found the scent, and Douglas also discovered, on a thorn bush at its mouth, a scrap of blue silk, which he recognised as part of the handkerchief M'Arthur had worn round his neck the day before.

The trace was found now, and they followed it up. Evidently he had lost his way soon after this, for the dog led them round and round in a circle, doubling and winding through the mazes of the monotonous scrub, and at last turning westward, instead of north-eastward towards Warrigal Creek. Sandy and Douglas looked at each other, but did not speak, when they found they were nearing Blue Grass Swamp. Silent, and grim as death, the hounds went on, and they followed.

The day was falling—the sun had very nearly set—but they had no thought of turning back. Suddenly Douglas touched Sandy on the arm and said, "Look!"

The ground sloped downwards from where they stood. Above, the scrub opened out so as to give a more extensive view than they could otherwise have had; below, the trees were larger and thicker, especially in a sort of hollow that seemed to lie at the bottom of the slope, and whence a faint curl of blue smoke rose up into the sky.

The dogs, too, were pointed in that direction. They followed it at first. It was farther than they thought at first. The sun set—it grew darker and darker still they pushed on. It seemed to Douglas that he would hear voices and laughter through the trees. At last the sounds were unmistakable, and not far off. He turned round and spoke to the rest in a whisper.

"I think Sandy and I had better go on, and see what it is. If you hear a warri-

cry in a few minutes, then you can come up; if there are more than we think, or there is any reason why we should wait, one of us will come back to you."

The two dismounted and crept on, taking one of the dogs with them. He was getting so eager they could scarcely hold him back. They reached the edge of the hollow, and, creeping cautiously through the bushes, looked down on a sight that Douglas never forgot to the end of his days.

The moon had risen. The white light, falling between the black tree-trunks of the hollow, mingled strangely with the red and smoky glare of a fire. Several men—six could be made out altogether—were standing or sitting about it—savage figures of once squallid and ferocious, except the leader, a tall, powerful man, whose alone appeared able to impart some dignity to the name of bushranger. The centre of the group, distinctly visible by the full light of the fire, was a man, standing upright, bound to a tree, with his hands above his head. He was striped to the waist, and the firelight and the strained sunlight showed plainly the mighty muscles of his chest and arms—and showed, too, the shoulders covered with long cuts, as from a heavy stock-whip.

In spite of his matted hair, and beard of three days' growth, they recognised him at once. It was Angus M'Arthur who stood there, with a smile of quiet defiance on his lip, and his unflinching eye holding fast that of Gundager Joe, who had stretched out his brawny length on a pile of logs, and was smoking a pipe.

"Be quicker about it, Joe," growled one of them, impatiently.

"Be quicker about it, Joe," shouted Joe, addressing M'Arthur. "Will you, or will you not?"

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NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, SOLOMONS, PONDICHERRY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, MEDITERRANEAN AND BLACK SEA PORTS, NAPLES, MARSEILLES, AND PORTS OF BRAZIL, AND LA PLATA; BORDEAUX, LE HAVRE, DUNKIRK, LONDON AND ANTWERP.

ON TUESDAY, the 3rd November, 1885, at Noon, the Company's S.S. OXUS, Commandant, Leguizans, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port for the above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and account in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted until Noon.

Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m. Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on the 2nd November, 1885. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are required.

For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.

Hongkong, October 21, 1885. 1835

Occidental & Oriental Steam-Ship Company.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, MALTA, GIBRALTAR, BRINDISI, TRIESTE, VENICE, AND LONDON; DUMBAI, MADRAS, CALCUTTA, AND AUSTRALIA.

N.H.—Cargo can be taken on through Bills of Lading for BATAVIA, PEKANAN, GULF PORTS, MARSEILLES, TRIESTE, HAMBURG, NEW YORK AND BOSTON.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship ROHILLA, Captain W. BARRETT, with Her Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this Port for LONDON direct, via SUEZ, CANAL, and usual Ports of Call, on TUESDAY, 27th October, at 4 p.m.

Cargo will be received on board until 10 a.m. on the day of sailing.

Parcels and Specie (Gold) at the Office until 10 a.m. on the day of sailing.

For further Particulars regarding FREIGHT AND PASSAGE, apply to the Company's Office, 50, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong.

The Contents and Value of Packages are required to be declared prior to shipment.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Black Bills of Lading.

Shippers are requested to forward their bills to the Company's Office, 50, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong.

N.B.—This Steamer takes Cargo and Passengers for MARSEILLES.

A. MOLVER, Superintendent.

Hongkong, October 15, 1885. 1802

U. S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND STOPPING AT YOKOHAMA, AND SAN FRANCISCO.

THE U. S. Mail Steamship CITY OF PEKING will be despatched for San Francisco, via Yokohama, on TUESDAY, the 3rd November, at 3 p.m.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States, via Overland Railways, to Havana, Trinidad, and Central and South America, by the Company's and connecting Steamers.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers.

RETURN PASSENGERS.—Passengers, who have paid full fare, re-embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (or vice versa) within six months, will be allowed a discount of 20% from Return Fare; if re-embarking within one year, an allowance of 10% will be made from Return Fare. Pre-Paid Return Passage Orders, available for one year, will be issued at a Discount of 25% from Return Fare. These allowances do not apply to through fares from China and Japan to Europe.

Freight will be received on board until 4 p.m. the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages will be received at the office